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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH INDIA

1. AS YOU KNOW, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR A SUBSTANTIAL AND SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH INDIA. WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN DELHI, WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ESTABLISH CLOSE RAPPORT WITH THE NEW LEADERSHIP AND STRESS USG INTEREST IN BETTER RELATIONS. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING  
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GENERAL POINTS WHICH FLOW FROM THE PRESIDENT'S MAY 2 LETTER TO DESAI.

2. GLOBAL ISSUES.

-- THE U.S. AND INDIA SHARE MANY BASIC VALUES, ESPECIALLY OUR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. U.S. AND

INDIAN APPROACHES ARE PARALLEL ON BROAD BASIC QUESTIONS:  
THE NEED FOR GLOBAL PEACE AND STABILITY AND THE IMPORTANCE  
OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND JUSTICE.

-- WHILE WE WILL NOT AGREE ON ALL ISSUES, A RELATIONSHIP OF  
FRIENDSHIP AND TRUST CAN PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH  
INDIA AND THE U.S. CAN WORK OUT SPECIFIC DIFFERENCES THAT  
MAY FROM TIME TO TIME ARISE.

THE U.S. UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS INDIA'S POSITION AS A  
NON-ALIGNED NATION. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE  
NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT INTERNATIONALLY. OUR HOPE IS THAT IT  
WILL FOLLOW A NON-CONFRONTATIONIST COURSE.

### 3. BILATERAL.

-- THE U.S. IS READY FOR A BROADER DIALOGUE THAN HAS BEEN  
THE CASE IN RECENT YEARS IF INDIA WISHES THIS.

-- THE INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION AND ITS SUBCOMMISSIONS--  
EDUCATION AND CULTURE, ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL, SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY--ENCOURAGE IMPORTANT BILATERAL ACTIVITIES.  
BOTH SIDES CAN WORK HARDER TO MAKE THIS A MORE EFFECTIVE  
INSTRUMENT.

### 4. INDIAN OCEAN/ASIA.

-- WE WELCOME A REGULAR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH INDIA ON  
ISSUES RELATING TO THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA, AFRICA, THE  
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MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA GENERALLY.

### 5. SOUTH ASIA.

-- THE U.S. WELCOMES THE PROGRESS TOWARD A STABLE REGIONAL  
SYSTEM IN SOUTH ASIA, FREE OF OUTSIDE DOMINATION AND IN-  
VOLVEMENT. THIS ADMINISTRATION INTENDS TO FOLLOW A POLICY  
OF RESTRAINT ON ARMS TRANSFERS TO THE REGION.

-- WE LOOK TO INDIA TO CONTINUE PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN  
STRENGTHENING SOUTH ASIAN STABILITY. THE U.S. IS GREATLY  
ENCOURAGED BY THE EFFORTS OF SUBCONTINENTAL NATIONS TO RE-  
SOLVE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITHOUT EXTERNAL INVOLVEMENT. WE  
ARE HOPEFUL THAT INDO-PAKISTANI AND INDO-BANGLADESHI RE-  
LATIONS, IN WHICH THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROG-  
RESS, CAN BE PUT ON AN EVEN MORE SOLID FOOTING.

### 6. NUCLEAR. (SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS COVER THIS ISSUE.)

7. ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

-- THE U.S. SHARES INDIA'S BELIEF IN THE COMBINED IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL SELF-RELIANCE AND THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM WEALTHIER TO POORER COUNTRIES AS ESSENTIAL TO ACHIEVING GLOBAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

-- THE U.S. SUPPORTS A NUMBER OF CONCRETE MEASURES IN THE NORTH-SOUTH CONTEXT AND WANTS TO BE FULLY AWARE OF INDIAN VIEWS AS WE PROCEED TO DEAL WITH GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES IN

A VARIETY OF MULTILATERAL FORUMS.

-- IN ADDITION TO ASSISTANCE CHanneled VIA MULTILATERAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS, THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO HELP BILATERALLY IN FURTHERING INDIA'S DEVELOPMENT GOALS. WHILE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS DEBT RELIEF IS NOT CALLED FOR, CONFIDENTIAL

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THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS A RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL LENDING IF INDIA WISHES. SINCE WE ARE GIVING TOP PRIORITY TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE IDA V REPLENISHMENT, WE WOULD WANT TO PACE CAREFULLY ANY BILATERAL AID DISCUSSIONS.

-- THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO INDIA'S NEEDS AND CONSISTENT WITH U.S. SUPPLY AVAILABILITIES.

-- THE U.S. IS ALSO SYMPATHETIC TO INDIA'S DESIRE TO EXPAND TRADE WITH THE U.S. WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY U.S. DOMESTIC CONCERNS, WE INTEND TO ADOPT A FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES. VANCE

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